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In re Application	:	
Goddard, et al.	:	
Application No. 10/063,537	:	DECISION ON APPLICATION
Filed: May 2, 2002	:	FOR PATENT TERM ADJUSTMENT
Atty Docket No. GNE.3230R1C25	:	

This is a decision on the "APPLICATION FOR PATENT TERM ADJUSTMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.705", filed January 30, 2007. Applicants request that the initial determination of patent term adjustment under 35 U.S.C. 154(b) be corrected from two hundred thirty (230) days to three hundred eleven (311) days.

The application for patent term adjustment is **GRANTED** to the extent indicated herein.

The Office has updated the PAIR screen to reflect that the correct Patent Term Adjustment (PTA) determination at the time of the mailing of the Notice of Allowance is **three hundred ten (310) days**. A copy of the updated PAIR screen, showing the correct determination, is enclosed.

On November 8, 2006, the Office mailed the Determination of Patent Term Adjustment under 35 U.S.C. 154(b) in the above identified application. The Notice stated that the patent term adjustment (PTA) to date is two hundred thirty (230) days. On

January 30, 2007, Applicants timely<sup>1</sup> submitted the instant application for patent term adjustment, asserting that the correct number of days of PTA at the time of the mailing of the Notice of Allowance is three hundred eleven (311) days.

Applicants assert entitlement to a patent term adjustment of three hundred eleven (311) days on the basis that the PTO improperly assessed Applicants a delay of eighty-one (81) days for responding to a February 8, 2005 final Office action by filing an RCE on July 28, 2005. Applicants assert that the February 8, 2005 final Office action was mailed to an incorrect address, and that the final Office action was re-mailed to the correct address on April 27, 2005. Accordingly, Applicants assert that the July 28, 2005 RCE was timely filed.

Applicants state that the patent issuing from the application is not subject to a terminal disclaimer.

The Office initially determined a patent term adjustment of two hundred thirty (230) days based on an adjustment for PTO delay of three hundred forty-nine (349) days pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 154(b)(1)(A)(i) and 37 C.F.R. § 1.703(a)(1), and twenty-three (23) days pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 154(b)(1)(A)(ii) and 37 C.F.R. 1.703(a)(2), reduced by Applicants' delays of one (1), eighty-one (81), and sixty (60) days pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 154(b)(2)(C)(iii) and 37 C.F.R. § 1.704(b). The adjustment of eighty-one (81) days is at issue.

The adjustment of eighty-one (81) days has been found to be incorrect. A review of the file reveals the final Office action mailed February 8, 2005 was returned to the Office as undeliverable because it did not contain an address. Accordingly, Applicants should not have been assessed delay of eighty-one (81) days for filing an RCE on July 28, 2005, when the Office re-mailed the final Office action to the correct address on April 27, 2005. However, Applicants should have been assessed delay of one (1) day, as the July 28, 2005 RCE was not filed within three months pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.704(b).

In view thereof, the correct determination of patent term adjustment at the time of the mailing of the Notice of Allowance is **three hundred ten (310) days** (372 (349+23) days of PTO delay and 62 (60+1+1) days of applicant delay).

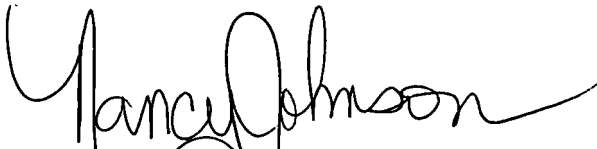
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<sup>1</sup> Applicants filed the application for patent term adjustment together with payment of the issue fee.

The \$200.00 fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.18(e) has been charged to Deposit Account No. 11-1410, as authorized.

The matter is being forwarded to the Office of Patent Publication for processing into a patent.

Telephone inquiries specific to this matter should be directed to Cliff Congo, Petitions Attorney, at (571)272-3207.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nancy Johnson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "N" and a long, sweeping underline.

Nancy Johnson  
Senior Petitions Attorney  
Office of Petitions

Enclosure: Copy of Revised PAIR Screen

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## PTA Calculations for Application: 10/063537

Application Filing Date:	05/02/2002	PTO Delay (PTO):	372
Issue Date of Patent:		Three Years:	0
Pre-Issue Petitions:	0	Applicant Delay (APPL):	142
Post-Issue Petitions:	0	Total PTA (days):	310
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